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## 2024 FEBRUARY

CREDO. This Newsletter will come out monthly in hopes of keeping the Diocese aware of the activities in our Church.

“And now arise, O Lord God, and go to thy resting place, thou and the ark of thy might. Let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in thy goodness.”

2 Chronicles 6:41

## ***BISHOP DONALD F LEROW STEPS DOWN AS ORDINARY FOLLOWING DMAS 2024 SYNOD***

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:6-7 “6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:” These words have been so very present on my mind over the last few months, and I know in my heart that it is now time for me to lay down the Crosier for another to carry on the good fight. I have given much over the last twelve years to the diocese and have enjoyed the finest Christians in the world. Their commitment to the Continuing Anglican movement has been profound, their love for our Lord has not diminished at all. They give of their resources beyond what is expected. And finally, there is a general peace throughout the land on which much can be built.



I will be 74 this summer and it is required that I submit my letter of retirement at age 75 which I intend to do. So, I have decided that the best course of action for me at present is to resign as the Ordinary of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States and pass along the Crosier for a younger man. I met with my Council of Advice on January 27th and notified them of my intentions. This would allow me one year before I retire at age 75. This will help me to tie up some things with both my congregation, St. Barbara's, and the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces. It might be a shock to many of our clergy that they too are expected to send a letter requesting retirement at age 75, a recent Canonical Change to ACC Canons to their Ordinary or Superior. It behooves all of us clerics not to be afraid to pass along the good Christian world they have created so other men called to the ministry can continue to bring a plentiful harvest in the Kingdom of Heaven. This is a short letter, but I wanted to let you all know of my intentions, reduce rumors that might confuse things and allow enough time for the archbishop to plan for an Electoral Synod and for our congregations to work with their vestries and possibly submit

a priest as a nomination to be considered as the next Bishop for the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States.

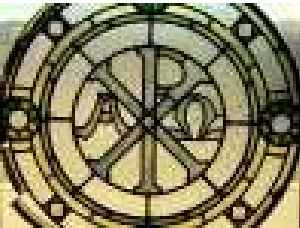
We will soon enter the season of Lent when we fast and pray for ourselves and others. It is also a good time to make this part of your prayer life that God would call a good priest to be your bishop. Because of your love of God and your fidelity to the Faith I am sure there will be a great outcome for a new bishop to shepherd your souls.

Below you will find the necessary procedures for such an election. I did not provide all the various sections of Canon 4, but I think those that are helpful for our congregations when they desire to make a nomination. The below Canon is found in the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States Annual Journal. It is a good read and not all that long. The entire Canon has much to do about how the Metropolitan shall lead an Electoral Synod but the below is about how a clergyman is considered and nominated for such a role as Bishop.

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## NEW DMAS WEBSITE

Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States Website is now available with some very helpful information. You will find diocesan and provincial events, along with prayer cycles and sermon helps.



The Episcopal Visit to All Angels January 14, 2024 was pleased to confirm **Alejandro Navarro** during their morning worship Service. All Angels ACC

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## \*\*IMPORTANT DATES TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR\*\*

**Congregation Date Rector / PIC**

St Mary's 11-Feb The Rev. Ed Andercheck

St David's 3-Mar The Rev. John Ayres

St Stephen's 10-Mar The Ven. Thomas McHenry

St Luke's 17-Mar The Rev. Damien Trudeau

OSB Priory 17-Mar The Rev. Damien Trudeau

St Mark's 14-Apr The Rev Timothy Weiss

**CLERICUS AND EASTER RETREAT April 18-20 St Thomas of Canterbury**

St Thomas of Canterbury 21-Apr The Rev. Gregory Seeley

St Andrew's and Margaret of Scotland 19-May The John Roddy

St John's 2-Jun The Rev. Piotr Bialkowski

**DMAS SYNOD June 13-15 TBD**

**DMAS CAMP June 23-29 Camp Hanover, Mechanicsville, VA**

St Alban's 23-Jun The Rev. Thierry Hakpon

St Leonard's 14-Jul The Rev Adam Trent

St Anne's 28-Jul The Rt. Rev. William McClean

St Columba 18-Aug Bishop (Elect) Arthur Rosales

St Peter's 8-Sep Canon Peter Geromel

**CLERICUS AND PRE-ADVENT RETREAT September 19-21 Church of the Ascension**

Church of the Ascension 22-Sep The Ven. Michael Weaver

St Michael and All Angels 29-Sep The Rev. Potin Ngyele

Bishop's Vacation October 9-22

Bishop's Retreat/Continuing Ed November 1-8

## 4th annual Lenten Retreat for G-3 & PCK Clergy



The Monestary of the Holy Spirit Conyers, GA 4th annual Lenten Retreat for G-3 & PCK Clergy is this 5 - 7 March at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit (2625 Hwy 212 SW, Conyers, GA 30094). We will gather mid-afternoon on Tuesday, March 5, and depart after lunch on Thursday, March 7.

Canon Steven Dart has once again graciously agreed to be our Conductor, so we can look forward to a most spiritually refreshing time.

The cost is \$200. Please make your check payable to the Diocese of the Holy Cross and mail it to the Cathedral Church of the Epiphany, 2512 N. Beltline Blvd., Columbia, SC 29204.

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## DMAS spring clericus is scheduled at St. Thomas of Canterbury, 4910 Hubert Rd. NW, Roanoke, VA 24012 April 18-19. The clericus will be held on Friday, and the Spring Retreat will begin Friday evening and Saturday.

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All clergy are required to attend the clericus unless excused by the bishop. All clergy are encouraged to stay and attend the retreat on Saturday.

If you are unable to attend the clericus, please reach out to Bishop Lerow to be excused. The Archdeacon would appreciate knowing that you are asking to be excused.

Please return your registration form and payment for the clericus and retreat to the Ven. Michael C. Weaver at 9742 Zimbrow Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110. If you are attending both the clericus and retreat, you may write one check for both registration fees.

Parish Address: 4910 Hubert Rd. NW, Roanoke, VA 24012

Clericus Cost: \$15 (Breakfast and Lunch on Friday)

Clericus Schedule:

Thursday, April 18 Optional Dinner: Shakers (1909 Valley Blvd. NW, Roanoke, VA) [Dutch Treat]

Friday, April 19 8:00 am - Matins and Mass

9:00 am - Breakfast

10:15 am - Session 1

11:45 am - Midday Prayers

Noon - Lunch

1:00 pm - Session 2

2:30 pm - Evening Prayer

2024 Easter Clericus/Retreat Registration Form

Registration Fee = \$30 if attending clericus and retreat - \$15 if just attending one or the other.

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**The Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States will have a Easter Retreat in place of a Lenten retreat this year. The Rev. Canon Dr. Peter Geromel, Rector of St. Peter’s Anglican Catholic church, Christiansburg, VA. will be the retreat leader.**



2024 Easter Retreat is scheduled April 19-20; Retreat Theme: The Joyful Mysteries and the Host Parish is St. Thomas of Canterbury (Roanoke, VA) Parish Address: 4910 Hubert Rd. NW, Roanoke, VA 24012

Retreat Cost: \$15 (Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday). There are Hotels near St Thomas’s of Canterbury, consider the Holiday Inn, Hampton Inn, Courtyard by Marriott

Retreat Schedule:

Friday, April 19 Note: Supper is on your own

6:00 pm - Evening Prayer

6:45 pm - Session 1

Saturday, April 20 8:00 am - Matins and Mass

9:00 am - Breakfast

10:15 am - Session 2

11:45 am - Midday Prayers

Noon - Lunch

1:00 pm - Session 3

2:30 pm - Evening Prayer

Note: Registration forms should be received by April 5th and checks should be made payable to

“DMAS” and memo line should reference “2024 Easter Retreat.”

Send the completed registration form and payment to: The Ven. Michael Weaver, 9742 Zimbardo Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110

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## Mission Support

The Saint Paul Mission Society (SPMS) is designed to provide a way of supporting missions throughout the world. The ACC supports missions in Haiti, Congo, Kenya, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, South Africa, and more. To carry out this work, the SPMS relies on donations from people like you.

Donations to the general fund are most effective since they can be allocated as needs arise. However, the SPMS also raise funds for specific areas of need. All donations are tax deductible in the US.



Twice a year, the SPMS highlights a specific mission for prayer and financial support. This quarter we are focusing on the [The Orphanage of St. Therese in Tapio, Haiti](#). Founded by Father Jean Bien Aime, the ACC's Vicar General in Haiti, the orphanage sits in the hills above Titanyen, about an hour north of Port-au-Prince. The compound is powered by a generator that is nearing the end of its life and needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$15,000 USD. Please consider supporting them in their need.

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## DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC STATES CANON 4. OF THE CANONICAL ELECTION TO THE EPISCOPATE

4.01. Of Electoral Synods. Each Electoral Synod of this Diocese for any Election to the Episcopate shall be composed of Clerical Electors and Lay Electors.

(a) Of Clerical Electors. All Priests and Deacons of this Church canonically resident in this Diocese, who are in good standing therein, shall be, act, and serve as the Clerical Electors of this Church and See.

(b) Of Lay Electors. The canonical Delegates to the Synod of this Diocese from each Parish, Congregation, Mission, and other such cure in canonical union with the Synod of



this Diocese shall be, act, and serve as the Lay Electors of this Church and See during their term and tenure as Delegates for the Synod.

(c) Of the President of an Electoral Synod. The President and Presiding Officer of each Electoral Synod of this Diocese shall be the Metropolitan of this Province, or his duly appointed Episcopal Deputy. In elections to the Episcopate other than that of the Bishop Ordinary of this Church and See, such duly appointed Episcopal Deputy may be the Bishop Ordinary of this Diocese upon such appointment by the Metropolitan aforesaid.

#### 4.04. Of Rules of Order and Procedure.

(a) Of Nomination. Upon the declaration by the President of the Electoral Synod concerned that he will receive the advancement of the names of persons to be considered by that Electoral Synod concerned for election to the Episcopate, the name of any person meeting the qualifications set forth in the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Catholic Church and of this Province for such election may be (1) nominated from the floor of that Synod concerned provided that such name so advanced for nomination has the formal support, written or otherwise, of at least five [5] Lay Electors of that Synod concerned as well as at least two [2] Clerical Electors thereof; (2) nominated if supported by the Vestry of any Parish, Congregation, Mission, or other such cure in union with the Synod of this Diocese, which name shall be brought to the floor by the Electors of such Parish, Congregation, Mission, or other such cure aforesaid; and further provided that any person so named and advanced for consideration for election aforesaid has assented to serve if so elected either in writing or by telephone to the President of either the Standing Committee or the Guardians of the Spiritualities of this Diocese, as the case may be, and such President has certified the same to the President of that Electoral Synod.

(President of The Standing Committee is The Rev. Fr. Timothy Weiss. His contact information is 819 W. Front St., Statesville, NC 28677. Home Phone: 704-871-9237. However, he would prefer you scan your letters of nomination and email him at [tbweiss@aol.com](mailto:tbweiss@aol.com).)

Nominations may be closed by motion passed by concurrent majorities of the two (2) Orders of the Electoral Synod, save that the President of that Electoral Synod concerned shall always allow time for further nominations if only one name has been advanced, or they may be closed by declaration by the President aforesaid upon no further names being advanced after an interval of two (2) full minutes since the last previous nomination unless notice be given the President of an impending nomination, in which case he may give more time at his discretion. Nominations may be reopened at the discretion of the President of that Electoral Synod concerned after the fifth canonical casting of ballots has been counted and reported if there has not been any election therein. The President of any Electoral Synod of this Diocese shall not at any time allow or permit any campaigning, or campaign speeches, or other such political activity whatsoever beyond the simple identification of the nominees at the time of their individual nomination, and further that such identification shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.

\*A priest from the Anglican Church America (ACA) or Anglican Province of America (APA) can be nominated and if elected under the current state of the G-3, he would have to join the ACC before consecration.

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## Monastery of Good Hope

As a source of spiritual journeys please take time to explore Fr. Damien Truslow-Trudeau, O.S.B. development of a very nice Monastery located at 1264 King's Highway , Montross, VA, 22520. Personal and group retreats can be scheduled with him. [Good Hope](#)



# ANNUAL SPECIAL OFFERINGS - Entwistle Fund!!!

**MacCammon Fund** - Clergy Education - On the closest Sunday to St Matthew's Day each of our congregations should take a special offering to support this endeavor. **This year it is September 18th.** This fund was established in honor of the Rev. MacCammond, who had advocated for the establishment of a Fund to provide financial assistance to further the education of Priests in our diocese. It was further understood that requests from Clergy for use of this Fund would likely be sporadic.

## OTHER SPECIAL OFFERING FUNDS

### Entwistle Fund

- For the Endowment of the Episcopate, Annual special offering is scheduled for

### November 13th.

Fr. Entwistle strongly proposed the establishment of such a Fund, and provided the Diocese with the initial funds, thus it has been known as the Entwistle Fud. The intent is to draw the DMAS Bishop's salary entirely from this Fund, and not from other DMAS accounts or Funds.

### Clergy Children's Fund

- Scholarships for Education of the Children of Clergy in DMAS. Scholarships are awarded by the Executive Committee. Each applicant is required to provide an application with supporting documents. Funds are sent directly to the educational institution. The clergy parent must be in good standing with the diocese. Scholarships are granted upon the availability of funds in the account. It is the Bishop's desire that a special offering be taken on the closest Sunday to the **Feast Day of St. Gabriel, Archangel, March 24. 2023.** St Gabriel is noted for giving great skill and understanding to Daniel 9:20 following. May it also be to the children of our clergy.

### Elsie Mae Perry Summer Camp Fund

-was established by funds from St. Hilda of Whitby Anglican Parish in Washington, DC. When this DMAS parish ceased to meet, the funds were donated to the DMAS to assist with the cost of the summer camp and providing "camperships" ["scholarships" for children to attend the Camp] as needed. A special offering is taken every year during Synod.

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**Recommended Readings**

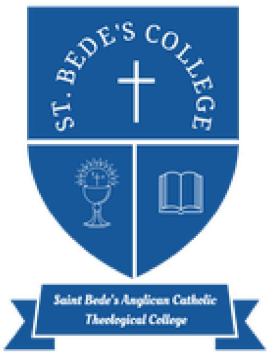
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Additional reading I found interesting is the [Medieval Church Blog](#).

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They do have continuing education courses. Check it out!

**St. Timothy's Theological College and Seminary (STTCS)** serves as an instrument to aid the bishops of the Church in the execution of the Great Commission: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and

of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19). Thus the mission of STTCS is to identify and to train godly men for ordination to the sacred ministry or in other leadership capacities in order to plant, nurture and grow churches or other ministries.



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O Lord save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded. (BCP p.11)

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### NEW DMAS WEBSITE

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